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TAGS: PGOV, PDIP, YS
SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH PDRY

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1. DURING CONVERSATION OCT. 17 ON ANOTHER MATTER,
DEPUTY PRIMIN/MININFO SHAIKH JABER AL-ALI AL-SABAH

TOLD ME THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT WAS BEGINNING TO LOSE PATIENCE IN ITS EFFORTS TO WEAN PDRY FROM ITS MARXIST WAYS. JABER AL-ALI DESCRIBED THIS AS A KIND OF "BEDOUIN" REACTION "BECAUSE SAUDIS APPARENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DISCERN ANY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS AFTER SIX MONTHS OF EFFORT IN THIS REGARD. HE THOUGHT THIS VIEW WAS RATHER SHORTSIGHTED, NOTING THAT BOTH THE PDRY PRESIDENT AND PRIMIN, EVEN IF WELL INTENTIONED, HAD TO WORK SLOWLY IN ORDER TO TURN POLICY AND IDEOLOGY AROUND. HE CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE GOK'S VIEW AND WENT ON TO MAKE A FEW OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT SIMILAR EXAMPLES OF LACK OF TACT AND DIPLOMACY ON THE PART OF THE SAUDIS.

2. I TOOK THIS OCCASION TO INFORM JABER AL-ALI IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PDRY FONMIN OCT. 3 AND OF THEIR AGREEMENT THAT IT WAS IN THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST TO IMPROVE RELATIONS (REFTEL). JABER AL-ALI, WHO HAS TAKEN A SPECIAL INTEREST IN KUWAIT'S EFFORTS TO CONVERT PDRY, EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT.

3. COMMENT: I SUSPECT THAT THIS MATTER OF SAUDI DISSATISFACTION WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN PDRY WAS THE SUBJECT OF A LETTER FROM KING KHALID DELIVERED TO THE AMIR ON OCTOBER 14 BY SAUDI DEPUTY FONMIN AL-THYNAYAN.

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THERE HAD BEEN NO INDICATION IN THE PRESS OF THE NATURE OF AND REASON FOR THE SAUDI DEP. FONMIN'S VISIT. I HAD INTENDED TO BRIEF FONMIN SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN HE RETURNS TOWARD THE END OF THIS WEEK, BUT THOUGHT THAT SINCE JABER AL-ALI RAISED THE MATTER IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INFORM HIM AT THIS TIME.

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